

Joshua Snow House  
North Pamet Road  
Truro  
Barnstable County  
Massachusetts

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Located on the north side of North Pamet Road 1/3 mile east of U.S. Highway 6, in Truro, Barnstable County, Massachusetts.

Building number 17-15 in Cape Cod National Seashore.

Owner: Mr. Donald Slesinger  
200 East 74th Street, New York, New York

PART I. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The Joshua Snow House is a one and a half story Cape Cod "house-and-a-half" of wood. The rectangular house faces south with an early ell to the north and modern additions to the west. The south facade is clapboard; all others are shingled. The house was built in the 1820's or 30's and is surrounded by residential lawns and planting.

The house is in excellent condition with over-all dimensions of 26' on the south by 28' on the east.

The underpinnings are red brick. The walls are plank construction with exterior clapboards and interior plaster on the south side and wood shingles and plaster on the others. The frame is post and beam. There are small red brick stoops at all the exterior doors. There is a main chimney in the center of the main house, as well as ones for the north and west ells.

All exterior doors have six panels. The door to the north, now to the north ell, has a four light transom. The windows are not original, but are 6/6 light double hung replacements. All windows have exterior blinds.

The gable roof has wood shingles and a box cornice. The roof construction is not visible now. One large modern north dormer has windows for the second floor.

The first floor of the main house has a center south-front door, an entry and stair hall. To the west of this hall is a small bedroom, to the east is a large primary room. To the rear or north of these rooms is the original kitchen; the old kitchen is flanked on its east side by a small bedroom and a pantry. To the north of the old kitchen is an ell. This ell was built in two stages, the first no doubt as a summer kitchen and the northernmost as a utility shed. The earlier part is the modern kitchen and the other part is a utility room. The west ell contains modern bedrooms and a bath. The second floor of the main house contains three modern bedrooms and a bath. There is a loft over the north ell.

The main house has a center stair running from the south front door to the center of the second floor. The north ell has a stair to the left over it. Both stairs seem to be original in their locations and are steep. Flooring is random width planking ranging up to 12".

The walls and ceilings are plastered. Wainscoting is used in the southeast room, the old kitchen and the kitchen bedroom. This wainscoting is painted wood and the chair rail also serves as a window stool. The mantels in the old kitchen and in the southeast room are original and are intact. They are large in scale and show Federal influence. All interior doors are six panel painted wood. Their hardware is iron lift latch and hinge.

Lighting is by modern electric lamps. The house has central heating and fireplaces are open in the old kitchen and the southeast room.

The house overlooks North Pamet Road from a small hill. There is a small wood house to the east of the house; behind it is a privy. To the southeast of the house is an old barn that has been remodeled into a garage. A modern asphalt drive is to the west of the house.

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